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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE SOURCE  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYSCON JUSTICE SYSTEMS CANADA LIMITED AND  
SYSCON JUSTICE SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED FOR AMENDMENT NUMBER SIX  
TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 74666 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF  
THE JAIL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**SUBJECT**

This letter provides advance notification to the Board that the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations for an Amendment (Amendment) to Sole Source Agreement Number 74666 (Agreement) with Syscon Justice Systems Canada Limited and Syscon Justice Systems, Incorporated (Syscon) for the continued maintenance and support of the Department's Jail Information Management System (JIMS), which will add approximately \$1.25 million to the Maximum Contract Sum.

**PURPOSE**

The Amendment will continue the maintenance and support of JIMS, which is a critical application customized to meet the specific needs of the County's jail environment. The Department utilizes JIMS to manage an inmate population which currently averages approximately 19,800 daily.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Agreement was entered into by and between the County and Syscon effective December 2, 2003, as a Sole Source Agreement. The Department developed a three-phased implementation plan for JIMS to enhance and integrate various Custody Services Division's antiquated stand-alone systems. The Agreement, as approved by the Board, provided implementation of Phase 1 of JIMS. Phase 1 of this project was successfully implemented on May 23, 2008.

The Agreement has been amended on five prior occasions to exercise the term extension options, to include funds for continued maintenance and support of the system, and to modify the statement of work including consolidation of work under previously scheduled Phases 2 and 3.

## **SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION**

The software which provides the core application functionality for JIMS is proprietary to Syscon. The services required for the maintenance and support of JIMS will therefore, need to be provided by Syscon's personnel. Any maintenance and support required to meet the unique business needs of the Department can only be provided by Syscon. Syscon does not authorize, license, or otherwise certify any third party to maintain, support, and/or modify its proprietary software.

The Chief Information Officer has reviewed and concurs with this Sole Source approach.

## **CONCLUSION**

Pursuant to Board policy, the Department will proceed with the Amendment negotiations in two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by the Board.

Should additional information be required, your staff may contact Contracts Manager Angelo Faiella, Contracts Unit, at (323) 526-5183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John L. Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

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